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To whom it may concern:

I object to the DOJ-Microsoft settlement.

To me, Microsoft's coercive suppression of competitors is actual racketeering, and the DOJ settlement therefore is a capitulation. Please continue to pursue justice.

A case can be made, I believe, that the Microsoft monopoly contributed measurably to the current recession. The largest engine driving the dot-com "irrationally exuberant" expansion was the euphoric assumption that Microsoft had excelled on its merits and was unstoppable, while the truth was its unstoppable and ruthless suffocation of competitor "air supply". Microsoft's racketeering "capitalism" is not healthy, it is tyranny. The healthy rivalry of true competition results in slower growth inherently, but growth that is more stable and longer-term and that leads to better products. Denial of choice devolves to the inability to choose better. Not only must Microsoft itself bear a comparable brunt of this recession, cessation of these practices will contribute measurably to its reversal.

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